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In re application of

Bernhard ALLGAIER

10/073,472 Appln. No.:

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LIFTING DEVICE For:

Attorney Docket No.: 2368.129

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Missing Parts Box:

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS (CLEAN VERSION):

Please amend Claims 1, 2 and 3 as follows and please add the following new Claims 20-35:

Lift device for lifting and lowering of a support device (2, 1. 5) of a transport track segment of a transport device for work pieces or the like, which work pieces are deposited upon plate-, pallet- or framework-like work piece carriers (58), and upon which the work piece carriers (58) are seated translationally displaceable